

**PATENT**

**UMICORE 0167-US**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| Applicant:  | <b>WOLF, et al.</b>  | Examiner:         | <b>NGUYEN. C.M.</b> |
| Serial No.: | 10/588,943   | Group Art Unit:   | 1793                |
| Filed:      | May 31, 2007   | Confirmation No.: | 2771                |
| For:        | Exhaust Gas Cleaning Catalyst With an Axially Varying Precious Metal Concentration and Process For Making the Catalyst |                   |                     |

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 23, 2009

**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This reply is to the Restriction Requirement mailed on December 1, 2009 in connection with the above-identified application. The time set for filing a response to the restriction requirement expires on January 1, 2010, and thus this amendment is timely filed.

Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter in Group I, claims 1-10, drawn to a catalyst.

Applicants specifically reserve the right to pursue the claims not elected in one or more divisional applications.